

*Civility embodies the attitudes, affirmations and actions consonant with a just and peaceable common public life. (Richard S. Park, Constructing Civility).*

*The resurgence of religion in the public square has been accompanied by increasing acrimony, social unrest, polarization and violence. We call upon the religious communities of North America to develop local, regional, national and global frameworks that will lead to greater civility and a new spirit of community.*